

Fred Hampton



**Is it possible to find liberation
within an oppressive system?**

Hialeah Martin

Biography

"We're gonna fight fire with water. We're gonna fight racism not with racism, but with solidarity. We're not gonna fight capitalism with Black capitalism, but with socialism... We're gonna fight with all of us people getting together and having an international proletariat revolution."- Fred hampton

- **Born as Fredrick Allen Hampton**
- **Born on August 30th, 1948 Summit, IL**
- **Assassinated on December 4th, 1969 Chicago, IL**
- **The youngest child of 3 From Francis and Iberia Hampton**
- **Joined BPP in 1968 and quickly rose in ranks and became a target authorities**
- **Hampton led the Youth Council of the NAACP's West Suburban chapter, growing membership to more than 500.**
- **Was a possible suspect for being considered a threat of an emerging "messiah," (a leader who could "unify, and electrify, the militant black nationalist movement.")**



Oppressive Systems



“If you ever think about me, and you ain't gonna do no revolutionary act, forget about me. I don't want myself on your mind if you're not going to work for the people.”

❑ Racism

❑ Violence

❑ The Prison and Judicial

❑ He went to prison because he was accused of stealing \$70 of ice cream and giving them to little children.

❑ Police Brutality

❑ He was being followed by William O'Neal who was feeding information on the BPP to the FBI.

❑ He was also drugged by someone (Most likely William) with Fentanyl (synthetic opioid, approved for treating severe pain, typically advanced cancer pain.) They gave him so much it possibly could have killed him if the police didn't.

THE SEARCH FOR LIBERATION

TO FIND LIBERATION, FRED HAMPTON:

"You know, a lot of people have hang-ups with the Party because the Party talks about a class struggle. We say primarily that the priority of this struggle is class. That Marx and Lenin and Che Guevara and Mao Tse-tung and anybody else that has ever said or knew or practiced anything about revolution always said that a revolution is a class struggle. It was one class - the oppressed, and that other class - the oppressor. And it's got to be a universal fact. Those that don't admit to that are those that don't want to get involved in a revolution, because they know as long as they're dealing with a race thing, they'll never be involved in a revolution."

"We got to face some facts. That the masses are poor, that the masses belong to what you call the lower class, and when I talk about the masses, I'm talking about the white masses, I'm talking about the black masses, and the brown masses, and the yellow masses, too. We've got to face the fact that some people say you fight fire best with fire, but we say you put fire out best with water. We say you don't fight racism with racism. We're gonna fight racism with solidarity. We say you don't fight capitalism with no black capitalism, you fight capitalism with socialism."

➤ **HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE WORKING WITH THE NAACP**

- **HE LED MANY CAMPAIGNS TO IMPROVE SERVICES IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.**

➤ **WHEN THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY KICKED OFF IN ILLINOIS HE JOINED AND HIS WORK OVER THE NEXT YEAR MADE THE CHICAGO BLACK PANTHERS ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS IN THE COUNTRY.**

- **SOME EXAMPLES OF HIS WORK ARE:**
- **WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S LOCAL PEOPLE'S CLINIC**
- **TAUGHT POLITICAL EDUCATION CLASSES**
- **LAUNCHED A PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OF THE POLICE.**
- **HE ALSO WAS ONE OF THE MAIN PEOPLE WHO CREATED THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

➤ **WAS ADAMANT THAT THE BLACK PANTHERS MUST RAISE POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF WORKING AND POOR BLACK PEOPLE TOWARD SOCIALISM.**



Did They Find Liberation?

Unfortunately Fred Hampton did not find liberation he was targeted by the FBI and Spied on then Killed when he was at his most vulnerable point in his sleep and he was shot 90-100 times next to his pregnant girlfriend and while luckily she wasn't injured but she has clear memory of the night.. William O'Neal provided the floor plan of Hampton's apartment and where he was staying. The FBI had supplied this diagram to prosecutor Edward Hanrahan before he led the raid several days later. Following the raid, the FBI paid O'Neal a special bonus to thank him for providing the diagram. Unfortunately he didn't get the Liberation he was fighting for but at least his son Fred Hampton JR is still spreading his words and continuing his work.



“EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT IF EVERYTHING WAS PUT BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IT BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.”

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